

food additives and color additives in the proposed rule.

The agency is reopening the comment period to ensure that the public has an opportunity to comment on the data that support the proposed categorical exclusions set forth in §§ 25.31(b) and 25.32(i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (q), and (r).

FDA believes that 30 days to comment is ample in this case, because the agency is specifically limiting its reopening of the comment period to comments on the categorical exclusions for which information has been added to the administrative record. Furthermore, data from EA's and findings of no significant impact for approved applications that support FDA's proposed categorical exclusions have always been available to the public upon request. Comments are invited, and will be considered, only to the extent they are focused on the categorical exclusions supported by information that has been added to the administrative record and only to the extent the comments regarding such information raise new issues not already raised by the person submitting the comment.

The documents that the agency is adding to the record are as follows:

1. "Retrospective Review of Ecotoxicity Data Submitted in Environmental Assessments," CDER, FDA.

2. Index of Petitions and Actions Supporting Categorical Exclusions for Foods, Food Additives, and Color Additives in proposed 21 CFR part 25.

Interested persons may, on or before November 21, 1996, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments regarding the documents listed above. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: October 16, 1996.

William K. Hubbard,
Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[WV017-6003b; WV040-6005b; FRL-5619-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia (Prevention of Significant Deterioration: NO₂ and PM-10 Increments)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve two State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of West Virginia. The first revision amends West Virginia's Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) regulation by amending definitions, establishing the maximum increase in ambient nitrogen dioxide concentrations allowed in an area above the baseline concentration (the increment) and updating the references to federal air quality modeling procedures. The second revision removes increment provisions for total suspended particulates (TSP) and replaces them with increment provisions for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers (PM-10). The second revision also updates the references to federal air quality modeling procedures and adds provisions for pollution control projects at electric utilities. In the Final Rules section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial SIP revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by November 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Kathleen Henry, Chief, Permit Programs Section, Mailcode 3AT23, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania 19107. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107; and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Air Quality, 1558 Washington Street, East, Charleston, West Virginia, 25311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa M. Donahue, (215) 566-2062, donahue.lisa@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is located in the Rules and Regulations Section of this Federal Register.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: September 20, 1996.

Stanley L. Laskowski,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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40 CFR Part 52

[LA-23-1-6871b; FRL-5636-5]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan; Louisiana; 15 Percent Rate-of-Progress Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the Louisiana State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the purpose of satisfying the 15 percent rate-of-progress requirements of the Clean Air Act (Act) which will aid in ensuring the attainment of the national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ozone.

In the final rules section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn, and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in

commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by November 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 6, Multimedia Planning and
Permitting Division, 1445 Ross
Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas
75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-
7214.

Louisiana Department of Environmental
Quality, Office of Air Quality and
Radiation Protection, H. B. Garlock
Building, 7290 Bluebonnet Blvd.,
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Documents which are incorporated by
reference are available for public
inspection at the Air and Radiation
Docket and Information Center,
Environmental Protection Agency, 401
M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms.
Jeanne McDaniels, Air Planning Section
(6PD-L), Environmental Protection
Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue,
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone
(214) 665-7254.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the
information provided in the direct final
action of the same title which is located
in the rules section of the Federal
Register.

Dated: September 30, 1996.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Parts 132

[FRL-5617-8]

Proposed Revisions to the Polychlorinated Biphenyl Criteria for Human Health and Wildlife for the Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing revisions to
the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)

ambient water quality criteria for human
health and wildlife for the final Water
Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes
System (the Guidance). The Guidance
was published on March 23, 1995.
Following publication, several
industries and trade associations
challenged the human health and
wildlife criteria for PCBs in the
Guidance. Among the issues they raised
was the equation used to calculate the
weighted geometric mean baseline
bioaccumulation factor (BAF) for PCBs.
EPA re-examined the issue, and decided
that a different approach for calculating
a composite baseline BAF would be
preferable because it would be more
consistent with the definition of
bioaccumulation factors since it more
appropriately relates the concentrations
of the PCB congeners in tissue to the
concentrations of the PCB congeners in
water. The proposed revisions are
limited to the method for deriving a
composite BAF for PCBs and for
deriving a composite octanol-water
partition coefficient (K_{ow}) for PCBs. The
human health cancer criteria for PCBs
would change from 3.9 E-6 ug/L to 6.8
E-6 ug/L. The wildlife criteria for PCBs
would change from 7.4 E-5 ug/L to 1.2
E-4 ug/L. EPA believes the proposed
revisions more accurately represent the
numerical limits necessary to protect
human health and wildlife in the Great
Lakes System. Finally, EPA is not
proposing to revise any other aspect of
the BAFs for PCBs or the PCB criteria
for human health and wildlife.

DATES: EPA will accept public
comments on the proposal until
November 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: An original and 4 copies of
all comments on the proposal should be
addressed to Mark Morris (4301), U.S.
EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington,
D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Mark Morris (4301), U.S. EPA, 401 M
Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460
(202-260-0312).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

A. Potentially Affected Entities

Entities potentially affected by this
action are those discharging pollutants
to waters of the United States in the
Great Lakes System. Potentially affected
categories and entities include:

Category	Examples of potentially affected entities
Industry	Industries discharging PCBs to waters in the Great Lakes System as defined in 40 CFR 132.2.

Category	Examples of potentially affected entities
Municipalities.	Publicly-owned treatment works discharging PCBs to waters of the Great Lakes System as defined in 40 CFR 132.2.
States and Tribes.	Great Lakes States and Tribes must adopt criteria consistent with EPA's criteria by March 1997.

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. This table lists the types of entities that EPA is now aware could potentially be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be affected. To determine whether your facility may be affected by this action, you should examine the definition of Great Lakes System in 40 CFR 132.2 and examine 40 CFR 132.2 which describes the purpose of water quality standards such as those established in this rule. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

B. Great Lakes Water Quality Guidance

In March 1995, EPA promulgated the final Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System (the Guidance) required under section 118(c)(2) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(2). See 60 FR 15366-425 (March 23, 1995). The Guidance protects the waters of the Great Lakes and their tributaries by establishing water quality criteria for 29 pollutants to protect aquatic life, wildlife and human health, and detailed methodologies to develop criteria for additional pollutants. It also establishes implementation procedures to help Great Lakes States and Tribes develop more consistent, enforceable water-quality based effluent limits in discharge permits for the Great Lakes System. For a description of the environmental significance of the Great Lakes System and the serious environmental threats it faces (particularly from persistent, bioaccumulative chemicals), see 58 FR 20802.

The ambient water quality criteria (AWQC) included in the Guidance to protect human health and wildlife set maximum ambient concentrations for harmful pollutants to be met in all waters in the Great Lakes System. See 40 CFR Part 132, Tables 3 and 4. Great Lakes States and Tribes must adopt criteria consistent with EPA's criteria by March of 1997. CWA section 118(c)(2)(c). If any State or Tribe fails to meet that deadline, EPA must